

INSANE ASYLUM FIRE

THE LAUNDRY BUILDING FIRED BY LIGHTNING AND DESTROYED.

The Loss Will Probably Reach \$12,000—No Scarce Nor Injury Among the Inmates.

Yesterday evening about 6 o'clock the building occupied by the laundry at the Central Hospital for the Insane was struck by lightning, which started a fire that rapidly spread and burned the building to the ground. The building, with the exception of a small new addition, built of brick, was of wood, and, owing to its dryness, burned with great rapidity. The lightning evidently struck the building in that part used as the dry room. This part was extremely dry on account of the intense heat required while the laundry was in operation. The fire once started, it took it but a few minutes to assume great proportions, being fed by the great amount of light weight clothes stored there. The fire was under good headway when it was discovered by members of the fire department.

The alarm was sent in to the city and Companies 1 and 6 and the truck of No. 4 responded. In the meanwhile the fire department on the grounds was not idle. Lines of hose were stretched to fire plugs while the engines were put to their greatest test in giving water pressure. In a short time the fire department at the grounds had several streams pouring on the fire, which rapidly increased. Before the arrival of the companies from the city the flames assumed such proportions that it was believed the fire would communicate to the other immediate buildings used by the fire department as stables, and from there to the two main buildings occupied by the inmates. All preparations were made for getting out the patients. Fortunately the patients, under the care of the attendants, had just finished supper and had reached their quarters when the fire alarm was sent throughout the occupied quarters. The attendants knew what was required and they quietly roused the patients and formed them into line. The patients did not get excited, but obeyed the orders of their attendants as on ordinary occasions. In this manner the whole number of patients, under the care of the attendants, stood ready to march at a given signal. However, the arrival of the companies from the city insured safety as soon as they began throwing streams, and the patients returned to their apartments. The fire by this time seemed almost uncontrollable. The flames reached several hundred feet high and the heat was intense. The fire could be seen from the city, and great crowds of people collected in the middle of Washington street. The fire was supposed to be the burning of the insane asylum. The street-cars bound for the hospital were crowded with persons who were either relatives or friends confined there. A great many also drove out, and while the fire was at its height it was estimated that the crowd on the grounds numbered several thousand.

Philip Kile, of engine company No. 2, was on a street car near the hospital when the alarm was sent in to the city. He hurried to the scene and took temporary charge until the arrival of Assistant Superintendent Barrett, who took charge of affairs. Kile was severely burned on the face while assisting in the placing of a hose to protect the building occupied by the local fire department. Despite the efforts of the companies from the city and the local fire department, the building could not be saved, and the building burned to the ground. When it was seen that the building would be a total loss, the water was directed on the stables, the power house, the laundry building, and the building last spring by Dr. Edenharter from a place close to the laundry building, and this alone saved the stables from being destroyed.

At 7:30 o'clock the fire had almost destroyed the building, and as there was no further danger of the fire communicating to the other buildings, companies Nos. 1 and 4 left for the city. Company 6 remained on the ground for several hours. The loss is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$12,000, with an insurance of \$6,000. The loss on the building alone is estimated at \$4,000. It was built mostly of wood and was 154 feet long by 154 feet wide, and was two stories high. The other losses are estimated as follows: One engine \$750, one steam mangle \$1,000, ten new large washing machines \$2,500, four smaller ones \$500, pipes, boxes and other articles in the dry room \$2,500, and clothing, which had been put in the building in the morning, \$500. The insurance is equally distributed among four companies as follows: Etna Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., Milwaukee Mechanic, Westchester Fire Insurance Company and the German Mutual of Indiana. The insurance of each company on the different losses is as follows: Building \$875, machinery \$500 and \$125 on property, for which the State is liable.

Dr. Edenharter stated last night that the fire department, both local and from the city, deserved great praise and credit for their quick response and effective work. Cornelius Meyer, the secretary for the hospital, said last night that immediate preparations would be made for the rebuilding of the laundry.

HAIL AT FAIRVIEW.

Street-Car Trolley Catches a Lightning Bolt—The Rain.

The long-wished-for rain came yesterday afternoon, and plenty of it. Shortly after 2 o'clock the most anxious of the citizens thought they detected stray drops falling, and they were not mistaken. The heavens were anxiously scanned for clouds which could be more liberal, and the clouds were not found wanting. Soon afterwards the rain began to fall heavily in the city. It was not accompanied by much wind, but fell steadily. However, at Fairview Park and at a number of other places around the city the rain was preceded by strong winds. At Fairview Park a small storm burst upon the large number there and compelled them to seek shelter. First there came a heavy wind, which was followed by a sprinkling of rain. Then, to the surprise of many citizens, it began to hail. The hail was very small, but it fell in such quantities that the ground was soon whitened. This lasted for only a short time, and then rain set in. A number of picnickers sought the shelter of the street cars. About twelve boarded a motor at the shed. While they were sitting there chatting and having a good time a heavy flash of lightning was seen, followed by a report close to the car. In an instant the forward part of the car seemed ablaze, and the passengers started to leave it, thinking it had been struck by lightning and was on fire. However, the conductor and motorman discovered that only the trolley had been struck, and the passengers became calmer when they saw the fire die out. The electric globes in the car were all burned out, but this was the only damage.

It continued raining moderately at intervals until shortly after 7 o'clock. The clouds seemed to jell themselves loose and the rain came down heavily. The streets in a number of places were flooded. South Meridian street was one of these. The water continued to rise until it ran over the sidewalks. The water was coming down the hardest was found pouring into the basement of the Kipp Bros. wholesale store. Examination showed that but little damage had been done, but the possibilities were great, and the city authorities were notified. The water reached the basement through a break made by a displacement of the roof, preliminary to the improvement of the street.

The ground was so dry that it soon drank up the water, and this did away with wash-outs. The small streams around the city rose rapidly while it was raining hardest, but they soon went down to the normal size. This rain was of great value to the farmers. The crops were in need of it, and it is feared that yesterday's rain will prove too late to do any good. The potato crop in this vicinity will probably be very light. The rain will enable the farmers to go ahead with planting cabbage, which has been delayed. The benefit to the corn, wheat and other grains cannot be estimated.

The First Baptist Church gave a picnic at Bethany yesterday.

Governor Not a Candidate.

Governor Matthews says there is nothing in the report that he will be a candidate

for United States Senator, and that, while he has never discussed the matter even with his friends, he has always and does still intend to return to his farm at the expiration of his present term. He adds that he expects to spend the rest of his days on his farm.

NO MONEY, NO FRIENDS

FREDERICK SYERP ENDS HIS LIFE WITH A PISTOL BALL.

Suicide in the Rear of a Prospect-Street Saloon—Gave His Relatives Trouble.

Frederick Syerp, aged fifty-four years, committed suicide yesterday afternoon, shortly after 2 o'clock, by shooting himself in the head in a shed in the rear of Christian Roepke's saloon, No. 296 Prospect street. Syerp had been despondent of late owing to family troubles and reverses in money matters. Some time ago he was separated from his wife, who is at present living on East Washington street. He besought her to return to his home many times, but she refused. Of late he had been very irregular in life. His son, Herman Syerp, who is employed with S. N. Gold & Co., at Maryland street and Virginia avenue, resides at No. 23 Sylvan street. There was some disagreement between the two and Syerp rarely visited his son's home. The latter had not seen his father for some time until he saw his body in the saloon soon after the shooting.

During the last few days Syerp drank heavily and spent a great deal of the time in the above saloon, being well acquainted with the bartender and Roepke. Yesterday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, he went to the place and sat around for awhile, chatting with Roepke. Suddenly he rose and went to the bar and asked for a drink. As the bartender was getting the liquor Syerp said he was feeling very despondent and threatened to kill himself. The bartender looked at him searchingly as if he did not know whether or not Syerp was in earnest. Syerp said, "Well, you don't believe me, do you? I tell you, Roepke," as he turned to the latter, "I am just the man to kill myself. I have no friends, and am out of stuff, and don't care what becomes of me."

Roepke and his bartender tried to turn the matter off lightly, but they saw that Syerp was laboring under great excitement. The drink having been prepared, Syerp drank it at a single gulp, saying as he did so, "Well, boys, that is the last drink that you will ever see me take." He then walked rapidly toward the rear part of the saloon and disappeared out of the rear door. He went to a shed and deliberately shot himself. His body was not discovered until some time later. The bartender went to the shed a few minutes after Syerp left the saloon and saw him lying in a heap in one corner of the shed, but supposed that he was helplessly drunk and gave him no further attention. On returning to the saloon he told Roepke that Syerp was lying in the shed dead drunk, and the two laughed. Then Roepke remembered Syerp's statement of a few minutes before, and suggested that possibly Syerp had taken a drug to kill himself.

The bartender was on the point of going to the shed when Mrs. Roepke entered the saloon and said that she had heard the report of a pistol a few moments before. Roepke lives in apartments in the rear of the saloon. Mrs. Roepke said that she thought that she heard the sound of a heavy body falling soon after the report of the shot. Roepke's statements were not idle ones, and they hurried to the shed. They found Syerp lying on the floor, his head seen by the bartender. Syerp's head was hanging down and his hat was pulled over his eyes. He was still breathing, and the two saw a pile of blood on the floor near Syerp's head. Syerp was then moved so that the two were enabled to get a good look at him, and a large bloody hole was seen in his face directly above the mouth. The bullet had ranged upward, piercing the brain and causing instant death. Coroner Beck and Superintendent Powell were notified, and they arrived there within a short time. Syerp's son and his wife, residing on Sylvan street, were summoned. When they went to the saloon the coroner asked Mrs. Syerp if she desired to have the body removed to her home. She replied somewhat angrily that Syerp had given her enough of trouble, and that she would not allow the body to be taken there. As the address of Syerp's wife could not be learned in the order to remove the body, his body was removed to Herman's morgue, No. 26 South Delaware street.

Coroner Beck stated that Syerp must have held the revolver close to him on firing, for the lower part of his face was badly burned. One of his hands was also badly burned. Syerp was a fine looking man, and had a heady and mustache. He dressed well. No. 274 South Linden street is given as his address in the directory, but he had not lived there for some time.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

E. F. Riley, charged with violating the internal revenue law, was released under a personal recognizance of \$500 yesterday.

The Indianapolis Elks will hold their annual convention at the city of Chicago, at Atlantic City, N. J., this week by Will Elks.

The Big Four will give its employees of the Chicago division employed at the Brightwood and Dillon-street shops an excursion to Hunt's woods at Cincinnati, on next Sunday.

Miss Fanchon Thompson, of Chicago, will sing this morning at the Second Presbyterian Church, and this evening at the song service to be given at the First Presbyterian Church.

The traveling men's association mentioned in the Boone case in the federal court, Friday, at the Indiana Traveling Men's and Ancient Association of South Bend, Ind., and not the Travelers' Insurance Company.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Tabernacle Church will meet Tuesday afternoon in the church parlors. Mrs. Holaday and assistants will be the hostesses. The subject of "Africa and the Jews" will be read by Mrs. Eva L. Foster.

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TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

SUICIDE OF EX-CONGRESSMAN BAYNE AT WASHINGTON.

He Was Suffering with Consumption, and, After a Hemorrhage, Put a Bullet in His Brain.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—In a fit of despondency resulting from a long and incurable illness, and depressed by a sudden and violent attack of dangerous symptoms, Thomas M. Bayne, the well-known ex-representative of the Allegheny district in Congress, at a quarter after 10 this morning, forestalled the end by sending a bullet through his head and killing himself instantly. At the time Mr. Bayne was alone in his luxurious home at 1829 Massachusetts avenue, in the most ultra fashionable portion of the city, with the exception of the servants, his wife being temporarily absent in Philadelphia. He had been ill for a long time, and, indeed, it was his bad health that induced him to relinquish his labors in Congress, which had crowned him with distinction, and where he had earned a reputation as a clever, vigorous debater and an expert on complexities of the tariff schedule of the tariff bills. About eighteen months ago he was induced to take a voyage around the world, and when he returned last July it appeared that he had improved. This gain was but temporary, however, and he suffered greatly from fits of depression consequent upon the progress of his disease, which was consumption. Recently he feared, so that it became necessary to have a trained nurse constantly with him.

About 8 o'clock this morning he called the nurse and said he was suffering, having just had a hemorrhage, which had covered his breast with blood. The nurse did everything in her power to make him comfortable, but at 10 o'clock, when she was absent from the room for a moment, a shot rang out. She rushed back to find her patient lying unconscious, with a revolver beside him and a ghastly hole in his right temple. Medical help was speedily summoned, and Dr. Rowers responded, but when he reached the bedside Mr. Bayne had breathed his last. Coroner Woodward, who had also been called, soon appeared and decided that the facts were so evident an inquest was unnecessary. He therefore gave the necessary certificate of death—self-inflicted.

News of the sad event spread rapidly, and the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress being notified, Hon. W. A. Stone, Mr. Bayne's successor in Congress, came to the house and took charge of affairs, summoning an undertaker and addressing a telegram to Mrs. Bayne in Philadelphia. The response was that she would reach Washington at 1:45 p. m. Meanwhile the funeral arrangements will wait her decision, though it is expected that the remains will be interred at Allegheny, where Mr. Bayne's family is interred.

The Suicide's Career. The news of the suicide of Thomas M. Bayne created intense excitement in this city. People who read the announcement on the bulletin boards could hardly believe it.

Colonel Bayne was fifty years of age last Thursday. He entered the Union army in July, 1862, as colonel of the One-hundred-and-thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, which he commanded during its nine months' service. At the close of the war he was admitted to the Allegheny county bar, and in 1870 was elected district attorney. In 1872 he was elected to Congress from the Twenty-third district, serving until 1880, when he voluntarily resigned because of ill health. He married Mrs. Mary Smith, of the well-known firm of Hostetler & Smith. She was very wealthy, having acquired a large fortune through her father, Colonel Bayne had also accumulated a large fortune through his own efforts. The Pittsburgh Press, of this city, and was interested in many other enterprises. He at the time of his death was present at the recent State convocation of the Knights Templars in this city, at which he appeared to be in the best of spirits.

FARMERS "TAKEN IN."

Fleeed by an Old-Time Athlete Who Pretended to Be a "Hayseed."

BREWSTER, N. Y., June 16.—At the games of the Brewster Athletic Club the contestants were the young farmers of the neighboring towns. The games were just about to be started when a tall, smooth-shaven young man inquired of the starter if he could take part. He said he worked for a farmer near one of the neighboring towns, and he looked the part, as he wore blue overalls, a soft hat and appeared quite innocent. The young man was allowed to start, and in the half-mile race, for which there were fourteen contestants, he just barely won. When questioned privately by one of the spectators he said he had learned to sprint while running after the cows. He started in the race and won easily. The big event was the three-mile race. The Brewster people had a man who had never been beaten, and they bet on him to win. The "farmer" set the pace from the start, and none of the others could get near him. He won by ten yards. Then the countrymen began to be suspicious and say the stranger was a professional. He merely smiled. The next event was the swimming race. The "farmer" started in that, too. He was in magnificent condition, his muscles showing with every movement he made. He won this race. That settled it. The countrymen wanted to make him, but he merely smiled again and put on his clothes, collected his winnings and walked away. He proved to be Kelly, an old-time athlete, now a New York policeman. He was on his vacation.

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There will be an entertainment at Simpson Chapel, from June 18 to 22. Monday evening there will be addresses by the colored preachers. Tuesday evening there will be the Lilliputians, Wednesday the "Old Deestrick School," with L. M. Hagood as teacher; Thursday evening representatives from the young people's societies, and Friday evening a programme by the city teachers.

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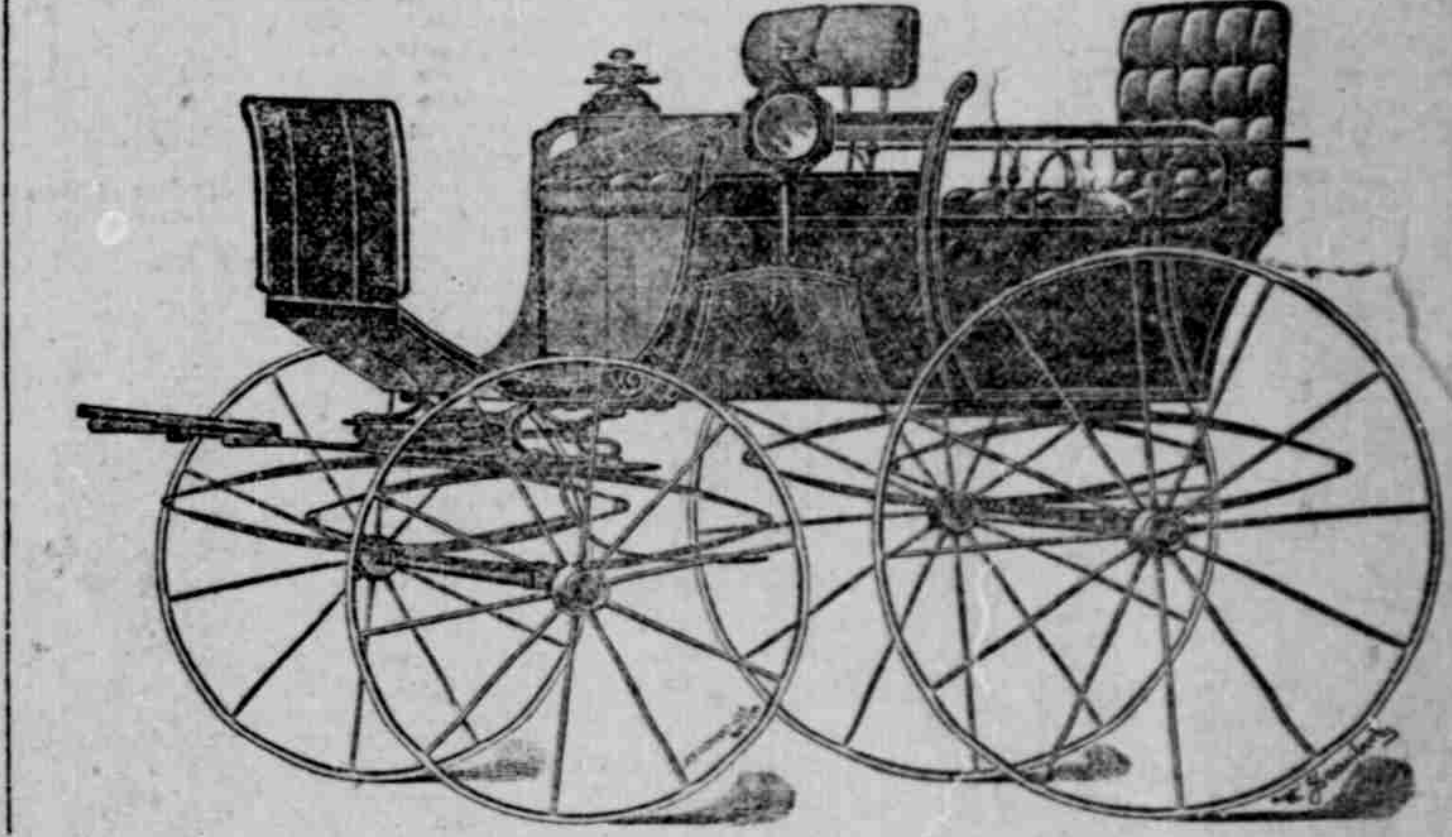
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